

May 22, 2017

The regular meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, May 22, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Bruce Morrison  
Council Members: Diane Downing, Brian Hirshman,  
Esther Troast, Dale Trotter, George Tasker  
City Manager/City Attorney: Ernie Crofoot  
City Clerk: Carol L. Sullivan

Review Minutes:

In a motion (Tasker, Trotter passed) to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017.

Second Reading of Ord. 430 to set the tax rates for 2017-2018:

Mayor Morrison read for the record.

ORDINANCE 430  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF  
POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND SETTING THE TAX RATES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

In a motion (Hirshman, Troast passed) to adopt Ordinance 430 to set the tax rates for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Authorize Mayor to sign Proclamation for American Legion 85th Anniversary, May 29, 2017:

Mayor Morrison read the Proclamation for the record. (See attached minutes).

In a motion (Downing, Trotter passed) to authorize Mayor Morrison to issue American Legion Post 93 a proclamation honoring their 85 years of service to Pocomoke and proclaiming May 29, 2017 American Legion Day throughout Pocomoke City and encourage citizens to celebrate the many contributions made by the members of The American Legion Post #93 over the past 85 years.

Authorize Mayor to sign letter to Maryland Historical for Winter Quarters Golf Course:

Mayor Morrison read a letter authorizing Carol Lynne Stroh, a Winter Quarters resident, to retrieve pertinent information vital to the success of completing a National Historic application to benefit Winter Quarters Golf Course and Log Cabin.

In a motion (Trotter, Downing passed) to authorize Mayor Morrison to sign a letter authorizing Carol Lynne Stroh to retrieve pertinent information to completing a National Historic application on behalf of Winter Quarters Golf Course and Log Cabin.

Correspondence:

Mr. Duane Durham of Winter Quarters Drive, stated that he had started a petition to close Winter Quarters Golf Course. he collected 204 names. He stated that citizens of Pocomoke would like to see the money spent on youth activities.

Mr. Jim Covington stated his concerns about the closure of the golf course and he feels the value of the homes in the area would decrease.

Mr. John Linton discussed marketing ideas to promote Winter Quarters Golf Course.

Ms. Carol Stroh stated that the golf course should be preserved and not closed and she and others would be working on an application to designate the golf course on the National Historic Register

Mayor Morrison read a thank-you card from Costen House Museum thanking them for a gift certificate for four rounds of golf for their silent auction.

City Manager Crofoot stated that Superintendent Mike Phillips and he met with Randy Denny of MDE regarding storm water. He stated that the staff was not aware that they were to test quarterly for the storm water discharge. He was testing annually. This is a no fine violation. Secondly, we did not meet our total nitrogen annually number at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. However, we were the closest as we have ever been and the inspector was very complimentary that all has been done. We are running in compliance for the current year. Mr. Denny stated that everything was in place now to keep the plant running in compliance. So far, this is just a report.

City Manager Crofoot stated that Director Mike Thornton of the EMS Department is recommending taking ambulance A1 permanently out of service. It has over 225,000 miles, and is a 2008 GMC as it is breaking down every time they take is out on a call and it is taking more and more to repair. It is not a model that is currently used. They would try to salvage the box to go on a new chassis.

In a motion (Hirshman, Trotter passed) to take ambulance A1 permanently out of service and declared surplus.

#### Comments from Council:

Councilman Trotter asked City Manager to check with State Highway to paint the drawbridge.

Councilman Hirshman asked where do we stand with having the lights installed on the bridge.

Mayor Morrison stated they are getting bids now to install in the fall.

#### Comments from the Audience:

Eric Underhill, 1509 Princess Anne Lane, stated that he still has a water problem. He stated that there is a problem with the pipes and something needs to be done about it. The water needs to be fixed. It should be a priority of this town.

Monna VanEss invited everyone to the Library, Thursday night, May 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M. Two commissioners would be there, Commissioner Purnell and Commissioner Lockfaw for a town hall style meeting. They will be discussing programs that the County could help the citizens that they may not be aware of.

Council discuss budget and fee schedule for FY 2017/2018:

The Council discussed some minor changes to the budget, and the budget is ready for the first reading in June. The trash fee will be increased by \$5.00, and the golf course budget will be for six months, taking out the capital items. As it is drafted it is a balance budget.

In a motion (Trotter, Downing passed) to adjourn at 7:58 P.M.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Carol L. Sullivan  
City Clerk